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The word "Conrinthianism," on page 47, is apparently a misprint. These sermons are full of suggestiveness; they are marked by the vivid style which Dr. Shannon commands. "The Minister's Dictionary" is a timely message which preachers will thoroughly enjoy. Dr. Shannon uses poetry exceedingly well. His illustrations are fresh and apt. His skill in antithesis is unusually good. Note this from the introduction to a sermon from the familiar text beginning, "Ye are our epistle": "Well, man can make a book; only God can make and redeem a soul. Anybody can write upon paper; only Christ can write forgivingly, livingly, upon the spirit of man. The world will never wait for men who can make books; the world will always want the Saviour who writes this message upon the human soul."

Dr. Shannon always presents Christianity as a vital, desirable, and crowning factor in human life. Especially is his exaltation of Christ as the Savior and the living Master clear and compelling. His message appeals to the will; it does not suffer a hearer to go away merely pleased at the sound of pleasant words or elevated by poetic vision. The listener to these sermons must face the deep probing of questions that search the depths of his soul and lead him to new resolutions in response to the preacher's urgent summons.

#### **Evangelism in the Remaking of the World.**

By Adna Wright Leonard. New York: Methodist Book Concern, 1919. Pp. 197. \$1.00.

In six chapters Bishop Leonard sets forth in clear, urgent, straightforward fashion the part which Christian evangelism must play in making the new world. By evangelism he means the presentation of the good news that Jesus Christ, the world's divine Redeemer, opens the way to a new life of the soul with God. A program of evangelism is essential to the success of every church. "The ideal toward which the preacher should bend the entire energies of his soul is that of bringing his own church to a standard of continuous evangelism with himself as the evangelist."

Two dominant ideas Bishop Leonard brings forward: the deity of Jesus Christ and the reality of conversion. His entire discussion calls for the affirmation of the divine Christ. "For years large numbers of pastors of the evangelical churches have lost the positive note in their preaching. One of the major reasons for this is that many have been influenced by German rationalism, and have come to question the divinity of our Lord. The result is the Christ of the Scriptures—the historical divine Christ—is given scant place in their preaching."

Also Bishop Leonard insists upon the necessity of that radiant spiritual experience known

as conversion, which he feels has been too much disregarded by the teachers of "educational evangelism." He insists that "every one must come to the place where he consciously and purposely turns away from the sin and the evil of the world and accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour." Bishop Leonard also urgently points out the difference between programs of social service that do not spring from conscious personal devotion to Christ and those that come into being as a result of loyalty to Christ as Savior. He discusses the use of music in the work of evangelism and appeals for release from the exploiting of the ordinary revival-hymn songbook publishers. This is a timely book for the modern church.

**Philosophic Thought and Religion.** By D. Ambrose Jones. New York: Macmillan, 1919. Pp. 60. \$0.80.

In compact form and with such completeness as is possible within the limits of only sixty pages the author shows the outstanding lines of philosophic thinking from Aristotle to Bergson. The conclusion is that the fundamentals of religion abide in the tenacious faith of men whatever may be the failures of intelligence alone to prove or explain them philosophically. The book is too small to be of great value except as it orients a reader somewhat in the large field that it surveys and stimulates to wider reading and deeper reflection. Page 25 is numbered 52.

**The Lord's Coming and the World's End.** By W. J. L. Sheppard. New York: Macmillan, 1918. Pp. 96. \$1.00.

This book contains a clear and simple discussion of the main teachings of modern premillennialism taken up in order: "The First Resurrection," "The Rapture of the Saints," "The Great Tribulation," "The Millennium," etc. It is the work of a pastor, the rector of St. Thomas' in Birmingham, England, writing for laymen and feeling the need of something to place in their hands that would meet the ready arguments and easy Scripture quotation of adventism. In each case the Bible passages concerned are discussed and interpreted. The general position of the writer is conservative, his conclusions are sane and moderate.

**The Second Coming of Christ.** By James M. Campbell. New York: Methodist Book Concern, 1919. Pp. 136. \$0.60.

This book, like others by Dr. Campbell, is marked by the fine spirit of the author and a clear appreciation of the spiritual values of Christianity. It has some pertinent criticisms